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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Karen M. Downs
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For: CHIMERIC MAMMALIAN ALLANTOIS
Group Art Unit: 1632
Examiner: M. Wilson

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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified case,
Applicants wish to make the following remarks.

In the Claims:

No claim is amended in response to the March 19,
2003 Office Action.

27. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 28
wherein the test compound is a protein.

28. (Previously Amended) A method of determining
whether a test compound affects vasculogenesis of
allantois tissue *in vitro* comprising the steps of:

a) isolating allantoic tissue,